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LETTER DATED 25 APRIL 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In my capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for April 1995, I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of resolution No. 5473 adopted by the 103rd session of the Council of the League of Arab States on 29 March 1995, entitled "The Situation in Somalia".

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

The situation in Somalia

The Council of the League,

Having considered the note of the General Secretariat, and the recommendation of the Council of Humanitarian Affairs,

Having studied the development of the situation in Somalia in the light of the report by the League delegation which visited Somalia from 16 to 26 December 1994,

Expressing its appreciation of the continuing efforts made by the Secretary-General to contribute to bringing peace to Somalia,

Taking into consideration the commendable efforts made by the international community, especially the United Nations and Member States to provide humanitarian assistance, and their continued readiness to participate in the reconstruction and development of Somalia as soon as security and stability have been established,

Confirming that the preparation of a secure and suitable climate for the continuation of humanitarian activities depends upon the cooperation of the Somali parties, the security they provide and their refraining from exploiting the security vacuum left by the withdrawal from Somalia of the international forces in March 1995,

Expressing its deep concern at the lack of progress made by the peace process or towards national reconciliation in Somalia,

Reaffirming that the Somali people have primary and ultimate responsibility for bringing about national reconciliation and securing peace in Somalia,

Decides:

1. To urge all factions to halt all acts of violence and work towards the formation of an interim government of national unity, considering that the responsibility for bringing peace to Somalia rests primarily on the Somalis themselves, and that any regional or international efforts can only assist in achieving that end.

2. To instruct the Secretary-General to continue holding whatever consultations he deems necessary with the United Nations, the international organizations concerned and all the Somali parties in order to assist in bringing about a political solution which will guarantee the integrity of our sister country Somalia and security and stability for its people.

3. To call upon the international community to continue to provide the Somali people with humanitarian relief, and to help them to rebuild their country once security and stability has been established in all parts of Somalia.

4. To request Member States, relevant ministerial councils, specialized Arab organizations and interested Arab funds and associations to continue to provide material and humanitarian assistance to the Somali people.

5. To urge Member States to move quickly to transfer their material assistance to the special account to support Somalia opened by the General Secretariat in accordance with League Council resolution No. 5157, in order to enable the General Secretariat to carry out its humanitarian and political roles with reference to the Somali people.

6. To reaffirm its previous resolutions concerning the situation in Somalia, thanking the Secretary-General and his assistants for the efforts they have made in this regard, and instruct the Secretary-General to continue his efforts and to present a report on the situation in Somalia to the Council at its forthcoming session.

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